

## Appointment

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**From:** Dixon, Chelsea [Dixon.Chelsea@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/9/2021 12:54:22 PM  
**To:** Dixon, Chelsea [Dixon.Chelsea@epa.gov]; Dalzell, Sally [Dalzell.Sally@epa.gov]; Carr, Matt [Carr.Matt@epa.gov]; Laija, Emerald [Laija.Emerald@epa.gov]; Buzzelle, Stanley [Buzzelle.Stanley@epa.gov]; Duteau, Helen [Duteau.Helen@EPA.GOV]; Amoroso, Cathy [Amoroso.Cathy@epa.gov]; Thomas-Burton, Tami [Thomas-Burton.Tami@epa.gov]; Spencer, L'Tonya [Spencer.LaTonya@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Froede, Carl [Froede.Carl@epa.gov]; Jones, Connie [Jones.Constance@epa.gov]; McCullough, Rachel [McCullough.Rachel@epa.gov]; Adams, Glenn [Adams.Glenn@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** DOE Outreach re Community Involvement and Lessons Learned at Oak Ridge  
**Attachments:** 9127 Final Submittal of the Record of Decision for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Oak Ridge Reservation Waste Disposal at the.pdf; RE: Oak Ridge discussions  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Start:** 8/9/2021 4:00:00 PM  
**End:** 8/9/2021 5:00:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Busy

**Required Attendees:** Dixon, Chelsea; Dalzell, Sally; Carr, Matt; Laija, Emerald; Buzzelle, Stanley; Duteau, Helen; Amoroso, Cathy; Thomas-Burton, Tami; Spencer, L'Tonya  
**Optional Attendees:** Froede, Carl; Jones, Connie; McCullough, Rachel; Adams, Glenn

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Dixon, Chelsea <Dixon.Chelsea@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:00 PM  
**To:** Dixon, Chelsea; Dalzell, Sally; Carr, Matt; Laija, Emerald; Buzzelle, Stanley; Duteau, Helen; Amoroso, Cathy; Thomas-Burton, Tami; Spencer, L'Tonya  
**Cc:** Froede, Carl; Jones, Connie; McCullough, Rachel  
**Subject:** DOE Outreach re Community Involvement and Lessons Learned at Oak Ridge  
**When:** Monday, August 9, 2021 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

Hi everyone,

I'm setting up this time for OECA, OLEM, and Region 4 to talk about the attached email. A dispute relating to a proposed landfill at Oak Ridge (R4 DOE Superfund site) was resolved in December 2020, and that decision is being considered by this administration under the new executive orders requiring review of agency actions under the previous administration. Following a DOE-EPA meeting to discuss Oak Ridge, DOE reached out to Karin Leff in FFEO about resources and best practices for meaningful community engagement (please see email). FFEO and FFRRO had a short call with HQ OEJ to discuss background at the site, and we'd like to continue the conversation with this larger group.

Please see the summary below of DOE's pubic outreach relating to the proposed landfill. The summary was prepared by DOE and is excerpted from the Draft 1 ROD that DOE recently submitted for EPA review. The entire Draft ROD is also attached and includes DOE's full response to public comments in Part 3, along with maps throughout the document that people may find helpful. There has been interest from community groups following resolution of the dispute that I mentioned above, specifically regarding opportunity for additional community involvement.

Emy, Sally, Cathy, and others, please feel free to add any other information that might be helpful. I look forward to talking with you all next week.

## **RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY**

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management (OREM) is committed to conducting all of the robust communication efforts listed in its Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF) Community Outreach Plan, which was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of Tennessee. The following outreach commitments to ensure full public awareness about this important project were met in addition to responding to comments received during the public comment period which is the topic of this section of the Record of Decision (ROD).

- Large-scale outreach about the project began in 2015. City and county officials received tours and briefings. OREM hosted community meetings, and there was substantial media outreach on the topic. OREM also proactively reached out to numerous community groups to provide presentations about EMDF. These are all provided in more detail in the EMDF Community Outreach Plan.
- The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) public comment periods are only required to span 30 days. OREM's public comment period for the Proposed Plan was 120 days (September 10, 2018 – January 9, 2019) to ensure all interested parties had time to review and provide comments on the document. Two extensions were granted while the original comment period was set at 45 days.
- OREM extended invitations to City of Oak Ridge and Roane County leadership as well as all members of Oak Ridge's City Council to receive briefings and tours related to the project. Several city council members participated in these personalized tours over the last few years to receive more information about the project.
- OREM and UCOR LLC (an Amentum-led partnership with Jacobs) leadership has submitted multiple op-eds to the local newspapers over the last few years to provide more insight about the project. OREM also created and shared videos to help promote public understanding about the project.
- Two public information sessions were held at different Oak Ridge locations to increase availability for anyone seeking more information on the project (September 13 and October 2, 2018). Participants were able to obtain valuable information from posters, fact sheets, and speaking with all of the project managers associated with EMDF. Federal and contractor personnel were able to answer any questions from the attendees directly, share project timelines, and inform them of the opportunities and methods to share their input.
- As a follow-up from the information sessions, OREM provided personalized tours to the Environmental Quality Advisory Board and Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning during the public comment period.
- DOE participated in a third information session that was hosted by the Sierra Club at the Tennessee Department of Conservation and Environment (TDEC) office on October 11, 2018.
- DOE hosted a formal public meeting about the project and the Proposed Plan on November 7, 2018. The meeting was publicized in all of the local newspapers, on social media, and by mailing reminders to all 15,000 households in Oak Ridge.
- EMDF was the topic at the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board's (SSAB's) board meeting on November 11, 2018, which included a tour of the site the following week. This public meeting provided another opportunity for the community to learn about the project, ask questions, and share opinions during the official public comment period. Also, the board received a tour later that month as a follow-up to their briefing on the subject, which had members from TDEC present.
- OREM attended the Oak Ridge City Council session on November 27, 2018, and the Anderson County Commission session on December 17, 2018, to answer questions about the EMDF project.

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